

Amendments to the Claims

The following is a complete listing of the claims that replaces all previous versions:

1. (Original) A method of financing an asset management firm by obtaining a revenue share interest in the asset management firm, and excluding an ownership interest during the term of the revenue share interest, and excluding debt, the method comprising:

 providing financing to the asset management firm,

 receiving a predefined share of revenue of the asset management firm (a revenue share interest) for a predetermined period of time,

 wherein, no ownership interest in the asset management firm is received during the term of the revenue share interest, and no debt is used.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

 evaluating the revenue share interest at least in part using a probabilistic analytical model.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the financing is provided to the asset management firm in connection with a succession, restructuring, buyout event or other liquidity or capital needs of the firm or its owners.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
upon termination of the revenue share interest, converting the revenue share interest to an ownership interest in the asset management firm, callable by the asset management firm.
5. (Original) The method in claim 1, further comprising:
extending the term of the revenue share interest, if revenue targets are not met, and
reducing the term of the revenue share interest, if revenue targets are exceeded.
6. (Original) The method in claim 1, further comprising:
increasing the amount of the revenue share interest if revenue targets are not met, and
decreasing the amount of the revenue share interest, if revenue targets are exceeded.
7. (Original) The method in claim 1, further comprising:
changing a term of the revenue share interest based on a comparison of actual business performance to a quantitative target level.

Claims 8-24 (Canceled).

25. (Original) A method of financing a business by obtaining a revenue share interest in the business, and excluding an ownership interest during the term of the revenue share interest, and excluding debt, the method comprising:

providing financing to the business,

receiving a predefined share of revenue of the business (a revenue share interest) for a predetermined period of time,

wherein, no ownership interest in the business is received during the term of the revenue share interest, and no debt is used.

26. (Original) The method in claim 25, wherein the business is one of an asset management firm, or any other financial services firm.

Claims 27-29 (Canceled).